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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the current application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-11, and 14, and amended claims 4, 7, 8, 12, and 13, leaving claims 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 15-18.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 4, 7-8, 12-13, and 15-18. Claims 4, 7-8, and 12-13 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Office Action, p. 10). Applicant has done precisely this, with minor wording corrections (discussed below), and nothing more. Applicant respectfully submits that by this amendment the claims are in form for allowance.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 4, 7-8, and 12-13 have been rewritten where appropriate (Claims 4, 7, and 12) in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Slight wording changes have been made as follows:

Claim 4: unchanged

Claim 7: amended to remove the word "are" from the last clause to correct wording, not for reasons related to patentability ("which SETCOPYOFFSET instructions ~~are~~ instruct the update decoder to toggle...")

Claim 8: word "wherein" added to correct wording, not for reasons related to patentability

Claim 12: letter designations removed ("a." "b." etc.) for clarity, not for reasons related to patentability

Claim 13: wording "the steps of" removed; letter designations removed and replaced with correct limitation wording, not for reasons related to patentability

Claims 15-18: unchanged

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

It is also respectfully submitted that no further examination is necessitated by this amendment, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper, as Applicant has properly adopted or accepted the subject matter indicated as allowable.

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CONCLUSION

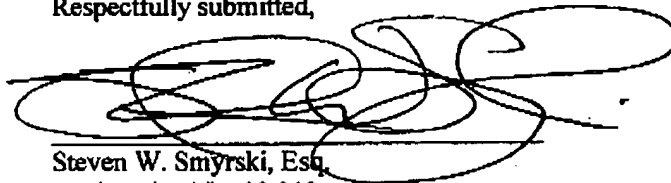
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Allowance of all the claims at an early date is solicited.

Should for any reason the application not be in form for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the reasons why a Notice of Allowance is not warranted based on this Amendment.

Applicant notes that by this amendment, the number of independent claims increases from 3 to 4, necessitating a Small Entity fee of \$100 for the excess independent claim pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16(h). Applicant's attorney authorizes charging \$100 to Deposit Account 502026.

Should it be determined for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration and allowance of this application to Deposit Account 502026.

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